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DEVICE FOR HEMODIALYSIS) Date: December 3, 2003

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

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Document A relates to a blood access device. Document B relates to a no-needle blood access device for hemodialysis and no-needle connecting cannula assembly. Document

C relates to a no-needle blood access device for hemodialysis. Their relevance is believed to be clear. Accordingly, no further comment with regard to the disclosures of these documents is believed to be required.

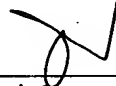
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